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SUBJ: WITHERING AWAY OF GDR REACTION TO FEA

1. AUGUST 5 WAS FOURTH CONSECUTIVE DAY WITHOUT REPORT OF EAST BERLIN HARASSMENT ON TRANSIT ROUTES. COVERAGE OF FEA ISSUE IN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, AUGUST 6, LIMITED TO MOSCOW RADIO COMMENTARY HEADLINED "BONN WANTS TO EMASCULATE THE QA" WHICH FULLY SUPPORTED EAST GERMAN POSITION ON FEA. IT NOTED THAT MEASURES TAKEN BY GDR APPLIED ONLY TO EMPLOYEES OF ILLEGALLY ESTABLISHED FRG AUTHORITY SEEKING TO TRANSIT TERRITORY OF GDR AND ASSERTED THAT THESE MEASURES IN NOW WAY INTERFERED WITH NORMAL TRANSIT TRAFFIC. MOREOVER, IT IMPLIED THAT EVEN SUCH DIFFICULTIES AS DID OCCUR COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED BY FEA EMPLOYEES FLYING INTO WEST BERLIN SINCE PROHIBITION APPLIED ONLY TO EMPLOYEES

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USING "TRANSIT ROUTES OF THE GDR ON WHICH CONTROLS ARE

ENFORCED" ENDING ON UPBEAT, MOSCOW RADION COMMENTARY
MAINTAINED SOVIET SIDE WISHED NO FRICTIONS IN "WESTBERLIN"
AFFAIRS AND WAS PREPARE TO DO EVERYTHING NECESSARY TO SECURE
STRICT ADHERENCE TO AND FULFILLMENT OF QA.

2. COMMENT: CONSPICUOUS TREATMENT GIVEN MOSCOW RADION COMMENTARY
SUGGESTS IT MAY BE INTENDED AS CLOSE TO LAST WORD IN PRESENT ROUND
OF POLEMICS, ALLOWING FOR POSSIBLE COMMENT ON AUGUST 6 TRANSIT
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